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- April 19 East Harbor State Park Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm
- April 26 East Harbor State Park Family Fishing Day 10am - 2pm
- May 10 The Marblehead Bank 5k Daisy Run
- May 24 Summer Opening Ceremony in Lakeside with The Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley
- May 26 Memorial Day Parade Ceremonies Village of Marblehead, 10:30am
- June 7 East Harbor State Park 5k Run/Walk in the Park
- June 21 Chautauqua Season Opening, Classic Car Show Hotel Lakeside Lawn, 4:00pm
- July 4 Children's Bike Parade in Lakeside, 10am Fireworks at 9:45 pm
- July 4-5 Independence Day Celebration in East Harbor Live music of Alan Siebert
- July 18-20 Lakeside Plein Air Art Festival
- July 20 Lakeside Wooden Boat Show & Plein Air Art Festival, 12 - 5pm
- July 25-26 Christmas in July in East Harbor
- August 16 St. Paul Lutheran Church Peach Social
- August 17 Holy Assumption Orthodox Church Halupki Festival, 11:30am - 6pm
- August 23 Lions Perch Festival, James Park, 10am - 5pm
- August 29-30 Western Themed - Labor Day Weekend in East Harbor
- October 11 Lakeside-Marblehead Lighthouse Festival, 9am - 4pm

The Marblehead Lighthouse Tour Schedule 2014



Daily tours to the top of the Lighthouse:

Noon - 4 p.m.

Monday - Friday

May 27 through August 29, 2014

Additional Tours:

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Saturday, June 14, 2014

Saturday, July 12, 2014

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Saturday, October 11, 2014

(Lighthouse Festival in Lakeside)

and

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All Sundays from June 1

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There is a \$2 charge to climb the lighthouse for all guests age 6 and over. There is no charge to visit the museum. The last lighthouse tour of the day begins 15 minutes before closing time.

Museum Hours:
During all Lighthouse Tours

For information contact:

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THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO SEE

MARBLEHEAD PENINSULA

Nestled along the rocky shore of Lake Erie, the Marblehead Peninsula is located midway between Cleveland and Toledo. Visitors will find a variety of restaurants, quaint shops, and unique accommodations. From sport fishing and boating, to shopping and hiking, the Peninsula offers something for everyone year round.

MARBLEHEAD LIGHTHOUSE

The Marblehead Lighthouse has recently been named the 73rd Ohio state park and holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously working lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Built by the federal government in 1821 of native limestone, the reflector lamp originally burned whale oil, lard oil and coal but is now powered by electricity. The mammoth Fresnel lens was installed in 1903 and is currently on display at the Marblehead Coast Guard Station.

WOLCOTT HOUSE

Benjamin Wolcott, the first settler in Ottawa County, came to the Firelands Frontier in 1806. After surviving many pioneer hardships and the Revolutionary War, he was named the first keeper of the Marblehead Lighthouse in 1822, building the finest house on the peninsula. Today, over 175 years later, that stone house still stands at 9999 Bayshore Dr. and is the oldest existing dwelling in the county. Currently being restored by the Ottawa County Historical Society, the "Old Stone Fort" is open to the public the second Saturday, June through October where visitors can see what family life was like with "Living History through Storytelling" program offering historic reenactments, cooking demonstrations, and many other fun events.

SPORT FISHING

The western Lake Erie basin has numerous reefs and shoals, rock islands and sandy beaches, as well as the most productive spawning and nursery grounds on the Great Lakes. The peninsula is a prime fishing spot, particularly good in early spring when walleye, yellow perch, bullockheads, and white bass move into the shallow areas that warm up faster than the open lake. In spring and summer, the area is a good place to fish for large and smallmouth bass, crappie and bluegill. Freshwater drum and channel catfish can be caught from spring through fall.

JOHNSON'S ISLAND

During the Civil War, this island of nearly three hundred acres in Sandusky Bay served as a military prison for Confederate officers. About nine thousand men passed through the prison gates. The entire island was used by the prison for guard barracks, forts, parade grounds and training camps. No buildings remain, however the prison cemetery still overlooks Lake Erie. History buffs will enjoy a visit to Johnson's Island. Each year, on the Sunday before Memorial Day, services are given for the soldiers buried there, and members of a Civil War reenactment battalion take part in the ceremony.

LAKESIDE DAISY

The rare plant in Ohio flourishes on the Marblehead Peninsula. Hymenoxys acutilis varian glabra, more commonly known as the Lakeside Daisy, clings to the rocky ledges near the Lafarge Quarry. On both the Ohio and federal list of endangered species, this small, yellow wild flower blooms only in the isolated Canadian wilderness, two islands in Lake Huron, and on the Marblehead Peninsula.

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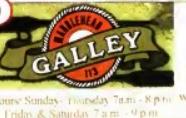
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